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1. I AM CONCERNED THAT NOT INCLUDING GUIRINGAUD IN THE LUNCH MAY 30 MIGHT BE SEEN BY THE GOF AND EVEN BY GISCARD HIMSELF AS A SYMBOLIC REBUFF, RELECTING A US REACTION TO THE SERIES OF CURRENTLY SMOLDERING BILATERAL PROBLEMS, INCLUDING THE STRAINS OF THE EURATOM ISSUE, THE CIVIL AIR PROBLEM INVOLVING PANAM AND THOSE SURROUNDING THE SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE. FRENCH POLITICIANS AND PRESS MAY INCORRECTLY LINK GUIRINGAUD'S FAILURE TO BE INVITED TO THE LUNCH WITH THE FACT THAT THE TWO PRESIDENTS COULD NOT FIND A MUTUALLY AGREEABLE TIME TO MEET WHEN GISCARD COMES TO NEW YORK, AND SO READ MORE INTO THE ISSUE THAN IS THERE.

2. WHILE UNDERSTANDING THE IMPORTANCE OF A SMALL TOP-LEVEL LUNCH. I HOPE SOME WAY CAN BE FOUND TO DEAL WITH WHAT COULD BECOME A SERIOUS FRENCH PROBLEM.
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